

Edinburgh 8/11/57

My dear Friend

It falls to my lot again to send thee a few lines with the list of our Contributions to the Bazaar which we hope will reach you in time to be shipped in the vessel that sails to-morrow for Boston. Am not sure of the name but have heard it would be the "Niagara" - There are three Boxes which we regret, but could not avoid. The two largest contain the things from Edinburgh, Perth, Leigh, Reading, Dumfries, Paisley, Preston &c. and the smallest one is a Donation from one of our best China Shops "Child & Hume" - who sent the Box to us ready packed for transmission, with a list of the contents which we have not seen, as we did not deem it prudent to unpack after they had done it right. They are chiefly Statuettes, and I should much like if they could be specially mentioned in the Report, also the Paisley Contributions as they are the first we have got from these parties. - Our friends at Boston have resolved to send their Box direct themselves, but whether you are to get it, or it is to be sent to Rochester I have not heard, but we did not miss it much, having the Perth to help our Exhibition, which was thought quite as good as any previous, & we never had more visitors to look at them, hundreds came each

each of the two days we had them displayed.
And these two days were the same on which the
"New Christian Association" held their Anti Slavery
Bazaar! - Having had such poor success last year at
Rochester, Julia advised this plan of trying to sell
here first, & send what remained to Rochester, but
either for want of properly advertising, or from
some other cause, their success was not very great,
considering the weather was fine, & the sale held
in the Saloon of one of the best Hotels in the
most public street, (Princes St.) their sales
and advertisement money for the two days being
only between £80. and £90. - - We are sadly
blamed ^{by them} for having our Exhibition on the same
days - but it was our usual time, & fixed four
months before theirs was heard of. - We hope
the present unsettled state of Commercial affairs
will not interfere much with your success. -
Several of our friends thought we should have
tried to sell ~~other~~ things here this year & send the
money, - but Bazaars are & have been so num-
erous here that it would have very likely not
answered any better than the other. - If our Boxes
reach Liverpool in time for tomorrow's Steamer which
they ought to do, they will be in the same as Charles
Cummer, who has engaged his passage in it, and
has passed through Scotland without our ever
seeing or hearing of him till he was gone. - The

wrote to Professor Nichol offering to spend a day or two with them if at home, but a Fast day intervening on which no letters are delivered, prevented his getting the reply in time, - however when he arrived in Glasgow he drove out to the Observatory, found the family all at home, & spent three hours with them much to their satisfaction, but if the letter had been delivered as he expected they wd. no doubt ^{have} contrived that many more Anti Slavery friends should have seen him, both in public & private - We feel mortified at the disappointment, as we have long been anticipating the pleasure of seeing him in Edinburgh.

We priced Susan McLean's Afghan Blankets at 35/- each, as she gets 30/- for as many as she likes to send to Bazaars here - There is a knitted Berlin wool - Antinaccap from "Reading" which the donor marks 25/- and she says the materials cost her 16/- Two very beautiful embroidered Velvet Patches by Miss Smith she prices at 30/- each and says that 15/- was given for embroidering them in London - so we did not like to alter the price but of course you can - and some of the Kensingtons turn out extraordinary fine & was the same quality - perhaps the same Webb as some that was sent to the Paris Exhibition James Inglis said he thought this might be his best contribution & he was determined to make a good one - Mrs. Alexander had overdone hers with a Bazaar for a Church just before hers and

was only able to send three or 4 things as she did
not like the box to go without her name being
in it. - She is a great invalid lying unable to leave
her house except for one or two drives during the
morning - but she hopes if spared to have some good
work for next year - Then will see the Hilditches
have been as industrious as ever - Their were the first
contributions we got, very early in the year and
good haul they have proved - Their little and
pictures are very curious - I hope they will sell

The other contributions from Ourfermington house
the linen are from fresh parties & they please
well for another year - They would be much grateful
to be mentioned - The dress pieces are not fine
were given in the belief they might be useful to
girls - It will be sad if they increase the Custom
house charges, - we should much like to know how
much you have to pay in that way for what
we send this year, and if we knew what is now
charged we could try to avoid them another year.

We have read "The Carrier" and are quite pleased
with it as far as it goes. - but more might have
been made of the mobs & that spirit - My paper
is full and time up, so must close with kindest
remembrances to all friends & best wishes for the
success of the Bazaar, ^{in which, dear Edy, I am sure} & hoping that ^{or someone else}
will just send a word or two to tell us of the safe
arrival of the three boxes I am ever thy
affectionate friend
Jane Wigham

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